

Attorney Docket Number: 6847.US.O1  
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A. Background

Claims 1-19, 21-23, 26, 28-32 are currently pending after entry of the above amendments..

Claims 20, 24, 25, 27, 33-34 are hereby canceled through the above amendments without disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 19, 21-23, 26, 28-31 have been amended as submitted above.

B. Remarks

Applicants hereby submit the above listing of claims to replace the listing of claims submitted in a response to an official action filed June 15, 2005, wherein Applicants have amended the status identifiers of the presented claims to conform to the format required by 37 CFR 1.121. No new matter has been added through these amendments.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe that through the amendments and the remarks presented above, the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the application be advanced to allowance as soon as possible.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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**Deposit Account Authorization**

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-0025 for any charges that may be due or credit our account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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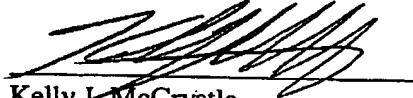
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